



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2020/2021 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

MAY-AUGUST SESSION EXAMINATION FOR

MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

ARE 501: PHENOMENOLOGY OF RELIGION

DATE: 3/9/2021

TIME: 8.30-11.30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer Question ONE and any TWO questions

QUESTION ONE (30 Marks)

- a) Define phenomenology of religion (6 marks)
- b) Describe positivism in phenomenology (6 marks)
- c) Explain interpretive epistemology (6 marks)
- d) Give a brief description of characteristics of perceptual phenomenology (6 marks)
- e) Discuss briefly transcendental phenomenology (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

List and discuss four types of phenomenology of religion

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

Give a comparative analysis of Husserl's and Heidegger's phenomenology in light of the African religious understanding of metaphysical reality.

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of two phenomenological epistemologies in light of African religious experiences.

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

Interact with concepts of perceptual phenomenology in light of the African cosmological experiences.